GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:87
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2003
SURVEY ON DEFICIENCY OF CALCIUM IN CATTLE
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Cattle Research Centre in Haryana Agriculture University has conducted a survey regarding deficiency of calcium in cattle in the State as reported in the Dainik Bhaskar dated January 2, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the milk without calcium content is harmful for children;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to examine cattle in other States also as has been done in Haryana;

(e) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps to make available high quality milk to the people; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 87 TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY, 2003 REGARDING SURVEY ON DEFICIENCY OF CALCIUM IN CATTLE.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A project entitled `Mineral studies in plant animal system with special reference to trace elements` involving surveillance of mineral status of feeds, fodders and animals in ten out of the nineteen districts of Haryana State is being conducted at Choudhry Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar. The report of surveillance study revealed that 25-50% animals are deficient in calcium.

A Network Programme of Indian Council of Agricultural Research on Micronutrients in Animal Nutrition and Production is in existence at six centres in different States of the country. The centres of the Project are located at National Institute of Animal Nutrition & Physiology, Bangalore; Assam Agricultural University, Guwahati, Assam; Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala; Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Science University, Chennai; Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, M.P.; West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences, Belgachia, Kolkata.

(c) No, Sir. The deficiency of calcium in animals does not mean that the milk could be deficient in calcium.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Question does not arise.